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Facilitated Listening Session

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1 SPEAKER: -- really small, like KGB
2 designed recording device. It's tiny and we're
3 going to hope that it captures just us here. Okay.
4 So let me just go over the ground rules with you.
5 As we've talked about -- Beth already went through
6 them, but the goal -- I'm -- is we're going to
7 capture information based on these six questions.
8 I wish I had some tape to put them up. And we ask
9 that you listen to each other, so be -- be polite.

10 No side questions -- so not side
11 conversations. Please try not to interrupt people.
12 Focus on answering the questions, okay? You -- I
13 know you may have other concerns, but let's focus
14 on answering the questions. As I get through the
15 questions as they are -- are asked, as you're
16 listening, consider the different opinions that you
17 here. People live in different places, they have
18 different opinions about what's happening and what
19 is needed in the area. Speak one at a time.

20 As Beth said, speak from your own
21 household's experience. So this isn't a general --
22 we -- the generalness is not as helpful in the
23 design process as your own personal experience as a
24 household in this study area. What is your
25 experience driving, working, living, playing,

1 taking your kids to school, going to work, shopping
2 in this area? What is your household's experience?

3 Please be concise. We have a limited
4 amount of time. And use concrete examples as much
5 as you can, so this intersection and that
6 intersection. And so I'm going to encourage
7 everyone to participate. It's nice -- it's a nice
8 small group, so I ask that nobody dominate the
9 conversation. You might -- if it seems that
10 there's -- you're going long and maybe going
11 off-topic, I'll do a little time-out or if I -- if
12 you've made your point and we've all heard your
13 point and now you're reiterating your point, I
14 might do a little backup, okay?

15 So I'll try to be polite and be kind. If
16 you ignore my signals, I may just cut you off,
17 okay? So that's my job. Don't take it personally,
18 but I really do want us to get through and I want
19 everybody to have a chance to speak, okay?

20 Okay. So we're going to do a lightning
21 round as the first step, and the first question
22 here is, with one word, describe what is the most
23 important thing to you and your household or
24 business that must be considered as this project
25 moves forward. We'll give a minute to think about

1 it 'cause we just want one word, okay? What's the
2 most important -- important thing that you -- if
3 nothing else gets out from this listening session
4 to the designers -- your one -- them to think about
5 one thing, what is that thing? One word.

6 SPEAKER: Safety.

7 SPEAKER: Neighborhood.

8 SPEAKER: Traffic.

9 SPEAKER: He stole my word.

10 SPEAKER: Okay.

11 SPEAKER: I saw you thinking.

12 SPEAKER: I know, but I'll say safety
13 too.

14 SPEAKER: Okay.

15 SPEAKER: Can you tell them all?

16 SPEAKER: But I don't think, like, when I
17 say safety they're going to think of safety the way
18 I'm thinking of safety. They're going to think of
19 making a safe intersection and I'm thinking of
20 safety on Ridge Road.

21 SPEAKER: Well, I'm thinking of school
22 kids.

23 SPEAKER: Yeah.

24 SPEAKER: We have a lot of school kids.
25 Yeah, so I'll take that as a second word.

1 SPEAKER: Okay -- okay -- okay. So
2 that's great. Love the lightning rounds, easy to
3 write. Okay. Now, what do you believe is needed
4 to ensure the safety of your family, the people who
5 live in the area and the people that travel through
6 the area, okay? So again, what -- what do you
7 think is needed? What do you believe is needed to
8 ensure the safety, okay? Again, we're looking for
9 what your concerns are or what your ideas are, not
10 your solutions.

11 SPEAKER: Right.

12 SPEAKER: That's -- the engineers will
13 come up with solutions, but more of what do you
14 want people to think about? What -- what -- the
15 designers to think about?

16 SPEAKER: Okay.

17 SPEAKER: Let's start there.

18 SPEAKER: Yeah, you go --

19 SPEAKER: Less traffic on Ridge Road.

20 SPEAKER: Okay.

21 SPEAKER: That's what I need for more
22 safety.

23 SPEAKER: Okay.

24 SPEAKER: I think I'd like them to know
25 that people on Ridge Road move around in more than

1 just cars, so bikes, pedestrians. Now, we get
2 those fricking scooter thingies, but -- but there
3 is a neighborhood of a lot of -- I think most
4 people on -- in Raleigh think of traffic as the
5 only means of transportation and in our
6 neighborhood, I am happy to say we have a lot of
7 different means of transportation.

8 SPEAKER: Scooters, bikes, foot.

9 SPEAKER: Foot. To name a few.

10 SPEAKER: Okay.

11 SPEAKER: To me safety would be ensured
12 by no Ridge Road interchange unless what is the
13 board offended the safety and certified it.

14 SPEAKER: But the one that goes into the
15 mall would also be considered a Ridge Road
16 interchange to you?

17 SPEAKER: It sure would.

18 SPEAKER: Like, if they put one that
19 comes up and it goes into the mall, but it doesn't
20 go onto Ridge Road, but comes a little onto Ridge
21 Road and goes into the mall. That's still a Ridge
22 Road interchange to you, correct?

23 SPEAKER: Yeah.

24 SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah.

25 SPEAKER: Yeah, I agree with you.

1 SPEAKER: So -- yeah.

2 SPEAKER: For anything --

3 SPEAKER: So we're not talking about the
4 one that's there currently?

5 SPEAKER: Right.

6 SPEAKER: I mean, we may be talking about
7 that as well, but we're talking about anything that
8 comes up to Ridge Road that goes on to the mall.

9 SPEAKER: That -- maybe I should amend
10 that and say no new Ridge Road interchange.

11 SPEAKER: Yeah.

12 SPEAKER: Something like that.

13 SPEAKER: And no interchange at the mall.

14 SPEAKER: To the mall off of Ridge Road.

15 SPEAKER: Right. There you go.

16 SPEAKER: I think a speed limit might be
17 a consideration as well --

18 SPEAKER: Oh, good lord.

19 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

20 SPEAKER: -- because they come off of 440
21 going 60 or more --

22 SPEAKER: Yep. Uh-huh.

23 SPEAKER: -- and it's a 35 and I would
24 have -- from a safety perspective, I do not think
25 that speed limit should be over 35, like ever.

1 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

2 SPEAKER: So I would say speed limit no
3 more than 35.

4 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

5 SPEAKER: I'm not sure how to express
6 this, but I am concerned about the possibility of
7 some kind of construction going on on Ridge Road,
8 Glenwood, et cetera at the same time as one up
9 around Meredith, Collins.

10 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

11 SPEAKER: Okay.

12 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

13 SPEAKER: The widening project they're
14 talking about?

15 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

16 SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah.

17 SPEAKER: That makes a lot of sense.

18 SPEAKER: So --

19 SPEAKER: If we get two of these things
20 going -- have an overlap it's going to -- well, I
21 guess it would certainly stop any speeds.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah.

23 SPEAKER: And if there's still, like, the
24 one on Wake Forest Road then you get through.

25 SPEAKER: Oh, that's going to be huge

1 too, 'cause they [inaudible].

2 SPEAKER: Is that the right one
3 [inaudible].

4 SPEAKER: How are they going to --

5 SPEAKER: Yeah.

6 SPEAKER: And it would --

7 SPEAKER: Your concern is the timing with
8 other construction of other projects, right?

9 SPEAKER: Uh-huh. Yeah. That's good.

10 SPEAKER: I'm sorry. Another place
11 besides Meredith, did you say?

12 SPEAKER: There's one going on at Wake
13 Forest Road as well, which is about two exits away
14 from --

15 SPEAKER: Okay.

16 SPEAKER: And Meredith's what, maybe
17 three exits away? So yeah.

18 SPEAKER: But they (sic) already on their
19 construction now, or they're planning?

20 SPEAKER: Meredith's already been
21 approved, but I don't think they started, yet.

22 SPEAKER: They're supposed to start soon.

23 SPEAKER: Yeah, really soon.

24 SPEAKER: Yeah. Is it? Uh-huh.

25 SPEAKER: Yeah, so I think this is

1 farther down the road, but I have no idea.

2 SPEAKER: Yeah.

3 SPEAKER: I'm making things up now. Did
4 you have any?

5 SPEAKER: I'm not it -- up to speed of
6 the interchange on Ridge Road.

7 SPEAKER: Okay.

8 SPEAKER: I think --

9 SPEAKER: But that's okay. But do you
10 have other thoughts of your own?

11 SPEAKER: I'm just questioning what that
12 would be. It's interchange to the mall?

13 SPEAKER: Yeah.

14 SPEAKER: Yeah, so the current -- well,
15 the thing they -- it's not current, 'cause I guess
16 they scrapped everything, but the plan they showed
17 a few months ago had an interchange coming off of
18 the Beltline up onto Ridge Road and then turning
19 and going over to the mall.

20 SPEAKER: [Crosstalk].

21 SPEAKER: Even though I'm the one that
22 made the point about the lots of different ways I
23 do think that the -- that the traffic that we
24 already are dealing with --

25 SPEAKER: On Ridge Road?

1 SPEAKER: -- on Ridge Road has, like --

2 SPEAKER: It's a lot.

3 SPEAKER: So Glen Eden. It drives me
4 crazy to go up to Glen Eden. Just so you know,
5 it's a one -- it's a one-lane, but when you get to
6 Glen Eden it goes two-lanes. One's a turning lane
7 and one is a straight or a right. And how
8 dangerous it is -- people -- unless you, kind of,
9 live here and come everyday, don't know that it's
10 going to turn left there's a lot of miss --
11 confusion. So -- I don't know how to explain that.
12 A miscommunication as to traffic patterns --
13 current traffic patterns already.

14 SPEAKER: Current traffic -- current
15 traffic patterns are unsafe.

16 SPEAKER: Yeah, and so --

17 SPEAKER: I think I want to add here --

18 SPEAKER: I think that's where the
19 concern comes from. If you're going to add to it,
20 it's going to get worse.

21 SPEAKER: Right.

22 SPEAKER: That makes sense to my mind.

23 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

24 SPEAKER: Does that make sense?

25 SPEAKER: [inaudible]. Okay. So your

1 concern is to really, kind of, improve that, not
2 make it worse?

3 SPEAKER: Yeah, a lot of the
4 intersections are already not doing great and then
5 they're -- we don't want to make them worse. We
6 would like to make them better.

7 SPEAKER: Right.

8 SPEAKER: Like I said, I don't see
9 anything else -- well, I don't see another question
10 when we'd be able to put this up there, but under
11 safety, I absolutely believe that any interchange
12 around the Ridge Road area accessing to the mall is
13 going to necessitate the widening of Ridge Road.

14 SPEAKER: Yeah, it'll happen somewhere.

15 SPEAKER: And Glen Eden Drive. It will
16 have to do it and the proof is out there on Lynn
17 Road and Millbrook Road.

18 SPEAKER: Yeah, that was a little --

19 SPEAKER: That was the first. There's
20 also Ridge Road at 5 o'clock in the afternoon when
21 the Beltline's backed up.

22 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

23 SPEAKER: It backs up all the way.

24 SPEAKER: But see, there's an argument
25 that when they do the narrative thing that's going

1 to go away, right?

2 SPEAKER: But we don't know --

3 SPEAKER: Let's go -- okay. Let me go
4 back -- let's go back to the question.

5 SPEAKER: Sorry.

6 SPEAKER: Which -- and -- and phrase what
7 your -- your concern in terms of the question.

8 SPEAKER: Ultimately, the widening of
9 Ridge Road and really --

10 SPEAKER: Is that a --

11 SPEAKER: Of just the roads if you want
12 to put it that way.

13 SPEAKER: We can maybe put that in
14 traffic columns.

15 SPEAKER: [Crosstalk].

16 SPEAKER: Yeah, we'll wait.

17 SPEAKER: We'll wait. We'll wait.

18 SPEAKER: We'll wait, because we're all
19 going to jump on that. You're 100 percent right.

20 SPEAKER: It was -- yeah. Yeah, we'll
21 wait.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah, you know, this whole
23 we're not widening Ridge Road is a -- is a
24 [inaudible].

25 SPEAKER: Okay.

1 SPEAKER: So, yeah.

2 SPEAKER: What do you believe will ensure
3 the safety of your family?

4 SPEAKER: Oh, I -- I think under this one
5 we can put -- I think one thing that needs to be
6 done to ensure the safety of my family is there
7 needs to -- Lacy and Martin need to be included in
8 the study area.

9 SPEAKER: And the churches.

10 SPEAKER: And the churches and the study
11 -- and a study needs to be done at 2:15 --

12 SPEAKER: Are those schools?

13 SPEAKER: Yes.

14 SPEAKER: Oh, yeah, at the schools.

15 SPEAKER: At 7:30 in the morning, 8
16 o'clock in the morning, 2:15 in the afternoon and 3
17 o'clock in the afternoon, 'cause hundreds of
18 children walk.

19 SPEAKER: So between those two schools --
20 now, between those two schools you have a
21 population of over 2,000 students.

22 SPEAKER: Okay.

23 SPEAKER: Between those two schools.

24 SPEAKER: Okay.

25 SPEAKER: Two thousand plus students. So

1 -- and you've got carpool going on, you've got
2 walkers going on, and you've got busses and when --
3 just when I was at Martin, a bus hit a kid. They
4 were crossing the road and broke his leg.

5 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

6 SPEAKER: Oh. Okay.

7 SPEAKER: So this is a very --

8 SPEAKER: Oh, a bus hit a kid this year
9 too.

10 SPEAKER: Oh, son of a bitch.

11 SPEAKER: Okay? Yeah?

12 SPEAKER: Yeah.

13 SPEAKER: Okay.

14 SPEAKER: Yeah, it -- yeah, and so I
15 think the study needs to be widened out some and
16 certain times.

17 SPEAKER: That's great. That's -- these
18 are good. That's what we need is where are the
19 important -- where are the [inaudible].

20 SPEAKER: Oh, I've got one. I've got
21 one.

22 SPEAKER: Look at your notes.

23 SPEAKER: So I think one thing that would
24 help the safety of my family would be for Ridge
25 Road not to be a cut-through to Wade Avenue.

1 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

2 SPEAKER: Okay. So minimize use as
3 cut-through to Wade.

4 SPEAKER: Oh, yeah. I guess having --

5 SPEAKER: Yep.

6 SPEAKER: [Crosstalk]. Is this one that
7 --

8 SPEAKER: Okay.

9 SPEAKER: Is it just right there?

10 SPEAKER: I don't even -- what we're
11 saying is I don't even want a cut-way on --

12 SPEAKER: Right, so figuring out how to
13 minimize that, right? So it's the concern, right?
14 We're not -- we're not coming up with solutions.
15 We're coming up with concerns that Ridge Road is --
16 is being used as a cut-through.

17 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

18 SPEAKER: I'm concerned that a lot of the
19 things that are on that particular chart will be
20 totally ignored because they're not in the study
21 area.

22 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

23 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

24 SPEAKER: I understand that.

25 SPEAKER: Which is why she said to expand

1 the study area.

2 SPEAKER: Right. I understand that, but
3 I think that as they -- my understanding would be
4 that as they're looking at the study area that
5 they're not going to ignore the community impact --
6 the community input, that's why it's here, all
7 right? And, I mean, we're never all going to get
8 what we want, but you got to -- you got to voice
9 your opinion now and we'll get -- it'll get to the
10 engineers and they will take it into consideration.

11 SPEAKER: So I don't see -- I think this
12 would fall under safety. One of the things I love
13 about our neighborhood is that the police get
14 trained in our neighborhood.

15 SPEAKER: Yeah.

16 SPEAKER: We have -- right? Who loves
17 that?

18 SPEAKER: Right.

19 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

20 SPEAKER: So I am not kidding you, we
21 have at any given time six police cars on Ridge
22 Road with recruits getting trained on how to drive
23 their stinking police cars and whatever it is they
24 do.

25 SPEAKER: You know what they do? They

1 estimate speed.

2 SPEAKER: Right.

3 SPEAKER: Like they -- they learn how to
4 estimate speed on our road.

5 SPEAKER: Right. So I -- my concern is
6 if we turn this into a different kind of road that
7 we're going to lose that safety of -- of having,
8 like, a really great --

9 SPEAKER: It uses Ridge Road?

10 SPEAKER: Yeah, uses Ridge Road.

11 SPEAKER: Uses Ridge Road.

12 SPEAKER: All up and down Ridge Road. So
13 from 440 down to Wade. They use the whole thing
14 and we would lose that -- that benefit of that --
15 just having that police presence, because even with
16 that police presence we have a decent amount of
17 crime, right? I mean, we still have break-ins and
18 all that other stuff, so --

19 SPEAKER: So that's an asset?

20 SPEAKER: That is an asset that we don't
21 want to lose.

22 SPEAKER: Okay.

23 SPEAKER: Yeah, and then another safety
24 issue would be there are multiple bus stops on
25 Ridge Road obviously, but my son's bus stop is

1 literally when you get off the Beltline on Ridge
2 Road.

3 SPEAKER: Okay.

4 SPEAKER: So cars are always slamming on
5 breaks 'cause they don't see a bus stop there.

6 SPEAKER: Right.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah, it's an awful place to
8 stop.

9 SPEAKER: It's a terrible place because
10 they come around that blind corner.

11 SPEAKER: It is. Yep.

12 SPEAKER: So school bus stops is a safe
13 -- is a safety issue.

14 SPEAKER: And there is the bus stop at
15 Martin, like, a city bus stop as well. So there's
16 different kinds of bus stops.

17 SPEAKER: Okay.

18 SPEAKER: School and city, yep.

19 SPEAKER: There's school and city bus
20 stops.

21 SPEAKER: But particularly, the one I'm
22 talking about would be right where your interchange
23 is supposed to go.

24 SPEAKER: And I'm estimating the Lynn one
25 would be under the same situation, right? Do the

1 students wait up at that top of -- I know they used
2 to.

3 SPEAKER: Yeah, they do. Yep, they still
4 do.

5 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

6 SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah. Okay.

7 SPEAKER: Okay.

8 SPEAKER: And truthfully, like, one of
9 the bits you want to add on to the bus stops is
10 where there's bus stops there's never crosswalks.
11 Never, never, never, never, never, never, never.

12 SPEAKER: That's true.

13 SPEAKER: And then the kids get yelled
14 at, like you ran in front of the -- into the middle
15 of the road. It's, like, okay. So you want me to
16 walk a half a mile to a cross and then go back down
17 to my house?

18 SPEAKER: Right.

19 SPEAKER: It's not going to happen.

20 SPEAKER: Okay. Okay. All right. Let's
21 move on to the next question.

22 SPEAKER: I think we've quite filled that
23 page up.

24 SPEAKER: Yeah. We have more paper.
25 It's not a problem. We can fill more paper with

1 that, but I want to make sure we get through all
2 the questions and if you think of things we can go
3 back and -- and fill in if they -- if they fit that
4 question more. Okay. Where's my --

5 SPEAKER: Yeah, that's what [inaudible].

6 SPEAKER: Okay. Is there a specific
7 valuable community asset, something important to
8 the community or neighborhood located within this
9 project zone that you are concerned will be
10 impacted by it? If so what is it and how do you
11 believe it will be impacted, okay?

12 SPEAKER: I might do [inaudible].

13 SPEAKER: As you think about that answer,
14 you've already got one answer. You want to put the
15 police on that one as well?

16 SPEAKER: The police one I think is an
17 asset that we love. At least I love it.

18 SPEAKER: Okay. Police presence.

19 SPEAKER: I'm sure my -- I'm sure -- I
20 understand the teenagers that wish there wasn't
21 police around.

22 SPEAKER: You know what? They kind of
23 ignore them, though. Like, I've seen teens do
24 stuff they shouldn't do and the police just sit
25 there and focus on their training.

1 SPEAKER: They're being -- they're being
2 kids.

3 SPEAKER: Yeah.

4 SPEAKER: Did you have -- did you -- do
5 you think -- would you feel that your non -- your
6 non-wide Ridge Road is an asset?

7 SPEAKER: Well, I -- I -- I guess the --
8 the pedestrian friendliness is an asset.

9 SPEAKER: Okay. Good. Okay. Of Ridge
10 Road?

11 SPEAKER: Yeah.

12 SPEAKER: Of Ridge Road. Well, Ridge
13 Road and then Eden. That old border through there.

14 SPEAKER: Yeah.

15 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

16 SPEAKER: Glen Eden is two words, right?

17 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

18 SPEAKER: I think -- I love our
19 tree-lined streets and I am worried if we start
20 widening things they're going to take down the
21 trees.

22 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

23 SPEAKER: There's a tree that needs to
24 go, hanging over Ridge.

25 SPEAKER: You always see people walking

1 up and down, so presence.

2 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

3 SPEAKER: Pedestrian presence?

4 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah. I think it's -- yeah.

6 Okay, but I think what he's trying to say is it's
7 more like it's -- you know, you'll go drive through
8 some neighborhoods and they're nice houses and
9 everyone's lawn looks nice, but there's no one out
10 on the street.

11 SPEAKER: Yep, that's right.

12 SPEAKER: There's no community there's --
13 and ours is not like that. At any given time you
14 can be driving down there --

15 SPEAKER: There's somebody walking.

16 SPEAKER: Someone's walking, someone's
17 got their dog, someone's riding their bike,
18 someone's yelling at their kid who's kicking a
19 ball, you know, whatever. There's always stuff
20 going on.

21 SPEAKER: Yeah. I also want -- I want
22 to, kind of, encourage you to think about the
23 actual study area and the interchange that actually
24 is in the study area. I know you're very focused
25 on Ridge Road and that's where you live, but I

1 assume that you all -- I don't even in live in
2 Raleigh and I've taken the -- the interchange from
3 440 to Ridge Road enough times to know that I don't
4 take it very often.

5 SPEAKER: Right.

6 SPEAKER: So I -- I do want you to also
7 focus on that, you know, as you're thinking.

8 SPEAKER: Okay. Well, her and I live
9 square up -- so just so you know, when you come off
10 Ridge Road or 440 onto Ridge Road you'll hit her
11 house in about 50 feet and you'll hit my house in
12 about 70.

13 SPEAKER: Yeah, okay. Okay.

14 SPEAKER: So it's -- we are right off it.
15 That's why we're talking about speed limit zone.

16 SPEAKER: Yeah.

17 SPEAKER: Because we know they're coming
18 off those -- that highway going 60.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah.

20 SPEAKER: We know they -- we know they
21 are. When they get across the road --

22 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] they're still
23 going 60.

24 SPEAKER: They're not hitting 35 for
25 another, you know, half mile, so --

1 SPEAKER: Right. Yeah. Yeah. Okay.

2 SPEAKER: I understand what you're
3 saying.

4 SPEAKER: Yeah.

5 SPEAKER: But as far as -- I mean if you
6 want us to talk about the -- the mall area.

7 SPEAKER: I don't go.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 SPEAKER: I mean, I don't go to the mall.

10 SPEAKER: I think I remember. Do you
11 guys remember that fire that happened right behind
12 the mall like a year ago?

13 SPEAKER: Yeah.

14 SPEAKER: And it literally blew over and
15 landed on the woman's property right in the corner.
16 They almost -- she almost lost her house.

17 SPEAKER: Yeah.

18 SPEAKER: So, like, right where you get
19 off the highway a timber flew across 440 and landed
20 there and that was it.

21 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

22 SPEAKER: So, I mean, there are things
23 that happen, like, over there that kind of impact
24 us. You know, like if something happens and they
25 shut stuff down, suddenly Ridge Road gets a time,

1 you know something like that. We had fire all
2 over, because they were worried timbers were flying
3 over the highways, fire trucks were all over.

4 SPEAKER: Right.

5 SPEAKER: Again, it was Tazwell and --

6 SPEAKER: So is that a safety -- or
7 that's a traffic problem, where if something
8 happens on one of the larger roads the smaller
9 roads are impacted?

10 SPEAKER: I don't -- I, you know -- it
11 can be a safety thing because if anything happens
12 at the mall that -- that, like, we've had, you
13 know, the flooding or anything like that we end up
14 -- affected by floods all the time.

15 SPEAKER: Right.

16 SPEAKER: So we end up getting the
17 residual.

18 SPEAKER: Okay.

19 SPEAKER: Anything happens at the mall we
20 get a residual. We're going to get the traffic.

21 SPEAKER: Or we're going to get the
22 responders.

23 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

24 SPEAKER: Right.

25 SPEAKER: We're going to get something.

1 SPEAKER: Because it's a cut-through.

2 SPEAKER: Yeah.

3 SPEAKER: The community aspect --

4 SPEAKER: But at the same time I would
5 say being close to the mall is a community asset.
6 I mean, I like being near the mall.

7 SPEAKER: I don't go.

8 SPEAKER: I don't want to have to go to
9 town to get to it.

10 SPEAKER: Are there other thoughts about
11 what -- I mean, these are great community assets.
12 Other things located that you're concerned will be
13 impacted?

14 SPEAKER: Well, how about noise?

15 SPEAKER: I mean, if we have more traffic
16 there'll be more noise.

17 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

18 SPEAKER: So -- so the asset is up more
19 [inaudible].

20 SPEAKER: Yeah, we're having trouble with
21 assets. Yeah, it's quiet right now.

22 SPEAKER: Not completely quiet.

23 SPEAKER: Right.

24 SPEAKER: Quiet considering where it's
25 located.

1 SPEAKER: Right, right.

2 SPEAKER: Comparatively considering where
3 it's located.

4 SPEAKER: Yeah. The connection to Lacy
5 is [inaudible] the field. They're out every day.
6 Both Saturday and Sunday there's people riding
7 bicycles and --

8 SPEAKER: So at Lacy Park?

9 SPEAKER: It's a -- a ballpark or --

10 SPEAKER: Yeah, it's basically their
11 playground.

12 SPEAKER: Playground, yeah.

13 SPEAKER: Lacy's an elementary school,
14 and lots of them use their playground.

15 SPEAKER: Yeah.

16 SPEAKER: So I would say the schools --

17 SPEAKER: Definitely utilized.

18 SPEAKER: The schools and the churches
19 are heavily utilized. Oh, you know another asset
20 is our community garden at the Highland. I love
21 that garden.

22 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

23 SPEAKER: Okay.

24 SPEAKER: I love that garden.

25 SPEAKER: Yeah. Uh-huh.

1 SPEAKER: I don't -- I don't go to the
2 church there, but I love the garden.

3 SPEAKER: Okay. Where is the garden?

4 SPEAKER: It's on Ridge Road and it's
5 actually right next to us.

6 SPEAKER: Next door -- right next to this
7 church?

8 SPEAKER: Church and Lacy.

9 SPEAKER: Ridge Road and what?

10 SPEAKER: This church.

11 SPEAKER: Oh, this church is.

12 SPEAKER: Where it -- where it -- right
13 next to it. It said Highland Church.

14 SPEAKER: So Highland Church? Okay.

15 SPEAKER: I think the proximity to
16 greenways is nice too -- is another asset.

17 SPEAKER: But I don't know that we're
18 going to lose that.

19 SPEAKER: Was it --

20 SPEAKER: What was the question? That
21 would be impacted.

22 SPEAKER: This is assets.

23 SPEAKER: No, this is assets. This is
24 things we don't want to be impacted.

25 SPEAKER: So tell me again what it is.

1 SPEAKER: That you are concerned would be
2 impacted, so that's what I was saying I don't know
3 that I -- we'll lose our access, but you know --

4 SPEAKER: But you can put it on. Yeah,
5 for sure.

6 SPEAKER: So Greenway access.

7 SPEAKER: Greenway -- Greenway access.

8 SPEAKER: Because it's right off Glen
9 Eden.

10 SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 SPEAKER: The Greenway access is squarely
12 in your study area.

13 SPEAKER: Yeah. Okay. That's good.
14 Yeah, this is what you -- what you want. What you
15 like and whether it's -- I mean, at this point we
16 don't know what's impacted, so it's more of what do
17 you want to keep or want to make sure isn't
18 impacted.

19 SPEAKER: So did we say say that access
20 to the mall was an asset?

21 SPEAKER: Yeah.

22 SPEAKER: I did.

23 SPEAKER: She did.

24 SPEAKER: Okay, but you might want to put
25 in parenthesis that was --

1 SPEAKER: Only one person.

2 SPEAKER: She was a minority.

3 SPEAKER: Everybody gets an equal voice.

4 SPEAKER: An outlier.

5 SPEAKER: It's okay. It's okay. I

6 thought you said, like, Greenleaf access, and I was

7 like, is that a restaurant? You know, Greenway

8 access [inaudible].

9 SPEAKER: I like access to my polling

10 place, too. It's really close.

11 SPEAKER: Okay.

12 SPEAKER: Which is right at the same

13 place [inaudible].

14 SPEAKER: I love that answer.

15 SPEAKER: The other polling place is

16 right here.

17 SPEAKER: I know, but --

18 SPEAKER: It's crazy. Martin and Lee

19 Ann.

20 SPEAKER: I don't even go to Martin.

21 SPEAKER: Because you can't.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah.

23 [Inaudible]

24 SPEAKER: Not anymore, yeah.

25 SPEAKER: Okay. We can come back. I

1 mean, we -- we can go back to these. It's okay.
2 Traffic problems, okay. Moving on.

3 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

4 SPEAKER: From your perspective, what are
5 some of the most problematic traffic and pedestrian
6 problems that need to be addressed? Be specific
7 with intersections, direction and/or time of day,
8 which we actually covered a little bit of those on
9 --

10 SPEAKER: Yeah, on the safety problems.

11 SPEAKER: So we're just going to copy
12 over.

13 SPEAKER: Well, I -- I think this is --
14 it's about an intersection, but I don't know how it
15 fits into that question, but I don't see it fitting
16 into the other questions either, so --

17 SPEAKER: Okay. Go ahead and write it
18 down.

19 SPEAKER: So every time the DOT gets on
20 they said something has to be done this has to be
21 done because we've had this many accidents in this
22 area.

23 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

24 SPEAKER: I find that a little
25 misleading, because I would like to know how this

1 area compares to other intersections of the same
2 size. I also would like to know what kind of
3 accidents they are. Is it specific to problems
4 with the intersection or an accident that could
5 happen anywhere in Raleigh? Because I'm one of
6 them. A lady ran into the back of me at the stop
7 light because the turn lane light went green and
8 she thought it was our light, so she went.

9 SPEAKER: Right.

10 SPEAKER: That has nothing to do with the
11 fact I was on Glenwood Avenue. That could've
12 happened anywhere in Raleigh. So --

13 SPEAKER: Okay.

14 SPEAKER: I -- I just think that's
15 something that's thrown out there like we have to
16 do this, because of this and it hasn't been really
17 quantified or qualified.

18 SPEAKER: Right.

19 SPEAKER: Does that -- did I capture it?
20 That it's sort of not enough data for -- available
21 for residents.

22 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

23 SPEAKER: I'm trying to frame it as a
24 problem, right?

25 SPEAKER: Yeah.

1 SPEAKER: Of, kind of, what you're saying
2 is a problem and it's -- that you don't -- that
3 they -- that they say this, but they're not giving
4 you --

5 SPEAKER: There's no quantitative
6 information there or qualitative.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah. Or qualitative.

8 SPEAKER: So it's just a number?

9 SPEAKER: Yeah.

10 SPEAKER: Yeah. The engineers --

11 SPEAKER: No context.

12 SPEAKER: No context without a number.

13 SPEAKER: Yep.

14 SPEAKER: Well, that would be fixing a
15 problem that's not really a problem.

16 SPEAKER: Okay.

17 SPEAKER: Or that's not as big a problem
18 as -- as -- and -- well, and then -- I don't know
19 that that goes there either because the thing I was
20 -- I was going to say is not as big a problem.
21 Like, I think a lot of us -- like every time we
22 hear they say Crabtree -- Crabtree and I don't see
23 Crabtree as drawing more traffic in the future. I
24 see it as decreasing.

25 SPEAKER: That is -- that is a huge --

1 SPEAKER: 'Cause we -- I don't go. My
2 children don't go. Like, that generation just
3 doesn't go.

4 SPEAKER: This is a -- a generation of
5 non-mallers (sic).

6 SPEAKER: Yeah, exactly.

7 SPEAKER: I'm not understanding how we
8 think Crabtree's going to get worse.

9 SPEAKER: Okay.

10 SPEAKER: And Sears is closing. I mean,
11 it's not like it's growing. It's decreasing.

12 SPEAKER: Yeah.

13 SPEAKER: Called the Amazon.

14 SPEAKER: Yeah.

15 SPEAKER: Yeah.

16 SPEAKER: Like if Amazon relocates to
17 Crabtree Valley mall then we can worry, but I don't
18 think that's happening.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah.

20 SPEAKER: Right.

21 SPEAKER: Because I really don't think
22 we're going to end up being on the final.

23 SPEAKER: And if there were a study I --
24 I'd be interested to know if the revenue at
25 Crabtree increases every year. Is it decreasing?

1 I mean, you are losing stores. I -- I really do
2 not go to the mall and I've lived here for 17
3 years. I may have gone a handful of times.

4 SPEAKER: Okay.

5 SPEAKER: Because, I mean, from what I
6 saw, you guys have just spent hundreds of millions
7 of dollars on this and it -- you know, what a slap
8 in the face it'll be in five or 10 years if it was
9 completely unnecessary.

10 SPEAKER: Right.

11 SPEAKER: So I mean it's a lot. That's
12 millions of dollars, you know, that somebody in
13 politics said we need to do this, and we needed to
14 do it five or 10 years ago, but not necessarily
15 now.

16 SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah.

17 SPEAKER: I think that that's the big
18 concern, though, is that most of that -- most of
19 the traffic that they addressed down there is
20 really commuter traffic it's not mall traffic.

21 SPEAKER: Yeah. It's -- they're --
22 they're going through it.

23 SPEAKER: Yeah.

24 SPEAKER: Yep. They're using --

25 SPEAKER: Now, and I -- and I think the

1 commuter traffic is going to probably increase so
2 --

3 SPEAKER: Okay. So I'm going to say
4 commuter traffic.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah. He's got a good point.

6 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

7 SPEAKER: I don't think it's going to --

8 SPEAKER: It's an issue.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah, because the mall cannot
10 even be open because --

11 SPEAKER: Yeah, Crabtree.

12 SPEAKER: That's right.

13 SPEAKER: Then we had -- we have specific
14 -- so we have these -- the Lacy and Martin and the
15 churches. Are there other --

16 SPEAKER: Can you add to that before we
17 get off of it --

18 SPEAKER: Sure.

19 SPEAKER: That general -- like, future
20 generation trend is not brick and mortar?

21 SPEAKER: Commuter traffic.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah, I said with a new
23 generation of online shoppers. Stuff like that.

24 SPEAKER: Shopping traffic is declining.

25 SPEAKER: Yeah, that's a good point.

1 SPEAKER: That's a good point to me. The
2 traffic [inaudible].

3 SPEAKER: So under commuter traffic you'd
4 say commuter traffic growing, shopper traffic
5 decreasing. That's -- I think -- sums it up good.

6 SPEAKER: Okay.

7 SPEAKER: So I think -- if we can go back
8 to the whole safety thing?

9 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

10 SPEAKER: So there is a project to widen
11 440 that is happening, like, now.

12 SPEAKER: Soon -- very soon.

13 SPEAKER: Two down, but one of the
14 reasons they're doing that is because 440 gets
15 blocked up at rush hour and that's when we on Ridge
16 Road see a huge uptick. They're -- they don't want
17 to sit on 440 waiting. They jump off.

18 SPEAKER: Right.

19 SPEAKER: Go down Ridge Road and jump
20 back on either at Lake Boone or Wade just to kind
21 of get through.

22 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

23 SPEAKER: So our thing with traffic
24 problems is back to this whole mall traffic thing.
25 Our other concern is once you widen 440 at Meredith

1 are you not going to have that problem? So we have
2 a major rush hour Ridge Road problem that may go
3 away once you widen Meredith. And for some bizarre
4 reason, nobody wants to wait until that project is
5 over to see if that helps our traffic on Ridge
6 Road.

7 SPEAKER: And on Glenwood.

8 SPEAKER: And on -- and on Glenwood.
9 Good point.

10 SPEAKER: Okay. So the -- the widening
11 project on Glenwood?

12 SPEAKER: No. The widening project on
13 Meredith will -- should positively impact your
14 traffic on -- on Glenwood and on Ridge.

15 SPEAKER: It's around Glenwood and
16 [inaudible].

17 SPEAKER: Right. Will --

18 SPEAKER: Should positively impact
19 traffic on Glenwood and Ridge Road.

20 SPEAKER: Positively impact traffic.

21 SPEAKER: I just don't understand why
22 don't -- they don't think that -- that it will.

23 SPEAKER: Widening Meredith?

24 SPEAKER: Right. So -- so what they're
25 doing is -- no, it's --

1 SPEAKER: It's a -- Hillsborough.

2 SPEAKER: At Hillsborough, so when you
3 come down 440 and you pass Wade Road and you go to
4 Hillsborough it gets kind of narrow in there. It's
5 only two lanes instead of three. They're widening
6 it. So that's one reason why we get so much
7 traffic.

8 SPEAKER: And they're changing the exit
9 off of Wade onto the Beltline so all of that.

10 SPEAKER: Right. It's all going to get
11 improved.

12 SPEAKER: Yeah.

13 SPEAKER: So once it gets improved
14 there'll be more traffic. It'll be -- more traffic
15 will be able to go on 440 and they won't have to
16 hop off at Glenwood and Ridge.

17 SPEAKER: But aren't you using the wrong
18 word when you say positively?

19 SPEAKER: Should positively.

20 SPEAKER: Well, I mean --

21 SPEAKER: Well, he's saying --

22 [Inaudible]

23 SPEAKER: She's asking a question.

24 SPEAKER: Next question. Will the
25 current widening project of Meredith positively

1 impact traffic on Ridge Road?

2 SPEAKER: Right. So if they widen that,
3 then in theory there should be less traffic on
4 Glenwood and Ridge Road.

5 SPEAKER: Right.

6 SPEAKER: Because people won't be
7 dropping off.

8 SPEAKER: And is it possible to wait to
9 see the effects before -- before changes.

10 SPEAKER: Yes. Am I -- am I not saying
11 that right? How would you say it?

12 SPEAKER: Well, I understand what you're
13 saying. I -- I don't have a better word yet.

14 SPEAKER: Well, if you think of a better
15 way to say it.

16 SPEAKER: Could it positively impact
17 people's decrease --

18 SPEAKER: Decrease traffic.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah, but that traffic --

20 SPEAKER: So if we're going with current
21 traffic problems we can say -- and it doesn't have
22 to necessarily be rush hour, Ridge Road backs up to
23 the Beltline. Like, it's past my house. It's stop
24 and roll. So it's not just busier. It backs up to
25 the Beltline. Mainly because of the Glen Eden

1 light.

2 SPEAKER: During rush hour.

3 SPEAKER: And it doesn't have to
4 necessarily be during rush hour. It could be when
5 there's a wreck.

6 SPEAKER: Well, yeah. Rush hour or a
7 wreck on 440.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 SPEAKER: Oh, they're talking about the
10 same exact thing over there.

11 SPEAKER: An echo in the room.

12 SPEAKER: That's right.

13 SPEAKER: Right. Okay. Make room.

14 Okay. I got that.

15 SPEAKER: All right. Why not -- What
16 other kind of traffic problems do we have?

17 SPEAKER: I'm going to reiterate over
18 here the churches and --

19 SPEAKER: And the speed limit.

20 SPEAKER: Well, and so you were --

21 SPEAKER: -- and schools.

22 SPEAKER: You were saying where specific
23 intersections and time of days. So a specific
24 problem would be a -- a traffic problem would be
25 speed of cars coming off of the Beltline.

1 SPEAKER: Yep.

2 SPEAKER: Yep.

3 SPEAKER: Yep. And then -- and then I
4 just -- I just think that the light at Glen Eden --

5 SPEAKER: It needs some help.

6 SPEAKER: It just needs help and there's
7 so many different things it needs help on.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 SPEAKER: The light at Glen Eden is
10 dangerous.

11 SPEAKER: It's dangerous.

12 SPEAKER: It's just --

13 SPEAKER: And is it dangerous for
14 everyone or just for pedestrian kids? Because you
15 were talking about pedestrians.

16 SPEAKER: No. It's for everyone, because
17 I think it -- it -- like I said, it's -- it's a
18 multitude of problems. It backs up traffic at rush
19 hour.

20 SPEAKER: Okay.

21 SPEAKER: There's a left turn lane that
22 you don't realize is a left turn lane until you're,
23 like, on --

24 SPEAKER: Right.

25 SPEAKER: Some people go straight through

1 it. It's like it lines up with the road.

2 SPEAKER: I mean, the whole thing is a
3 mess. It's just -- it's just a mess.

4 SPEAKER: I'll just say it's --

5 SPEAKER: And then when you are turning
6 on it, you're turning onto a much wider road. Glen
7 Eden is a much a wider road than than Ridge.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 SPEAKER: There's just -- it's a little
10 discombobulating. Yeah, that's not a word, right?
11 But when you turn on to it you're like --

12 SPEAKER: Right. Where do we go? What
13 do we do now? Okay. Any other thoughts before --
14 I mean, and again, we can come back, but we'll --
15 we'll keep moving here, okay? Okay. My next
16 question, what additional one or two things are
17 important to your household business that you want
18 considered as this project moves forward? So it's
19 sort of -- we had the lightning round about this.

20 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

21 SPEAKER: And this is -- now that we've
22 gotten into the discussion -- I'm sorry, when I'm
23 moving it's hard to read. Let me -- let me move
24 the paper all around back and forth.

25 SPEAKER: We need Brianna [phonetic].

1 SPEAKER: Then I only have to do one
2 thing, which is turn the letters over, right?

3 SPEAKER: But you could hold something.

4 SPEAKER: Right, and if you have specific
5 questions or specific concerns that we, you know,
6 you want to -- you have a longer thought than I'm
7 capturing, but I do have note cards that you can
8 write on.

9 SPEAKER: So going back to that one word.

10 SPEAKER: Yeah. Feel free. So what
11 additional one or two things are important?

12 SPEAKER: We're a much calmer group.

13 SPEAKER: It's shocking. What additional
14 -- if you -- you all earned [inaudible]. What
15 additional one or two things are important to your
16 household business that you wouldn't consider? So
17 as I said, kind of going back to this lightning
18 round, what do you want to make sure that these
19 designers when they go into their sessions and
20 they're thinking about, you know, what's the --
21 what are the priorities that you want them up on
22 the board?

23 SPEAKER: So okay go.

24 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] So my biggest thing
25 is -- and I've been here only since my kids were in

1 middle school, so there -- Susan (ph), you know --
2 there's other people here who raise children and it
3 is a very -- because of the two schools, it is a
4 very kid-driven neighborhood. And that -- I think
5 a lot of people think little kids, you know,
6 kicking balls, but I have two kids learning how to
7 drive in this neighborhood.

8 SPEAKER: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

9 SPEAKER: You know, I mean, you have kids
10 that are going out trick-or-treating or just, like,
11 even when my kids were, like, unable to drive,
12 like, heading over to a friend's house and just
13 knowing that they were going to make it there safe.

14 SPEAKER: That they had to cross Ridge
15 Road, that was my thing. Even though we have
16 sidewalks and they could walk, I won't want my --

17 SPEAKER: There's no -- there's no place
18 to cross until you get to Glen Eden.

19 SPEAKER: There's nowhere to cross Ridge
20 Road and the traffic is horrible, so I would never
21 let them do it by themselves.

22 SPEAKER: Right. So it's just -- it -- I
23 just think they need to understand when we say kids
24 we're talking zero to 18 and -- and learning how to
25 drive when people are coming off the highway at 60

1 and they're trying to drive 35.

2 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

3 SPEAKER: Like, my daughter trying to
4 pull out of Bancroft is --

5 SPEAKER: It's so hard. It's so hard.

6 SPEAKER: The girl is, like,
7 white-knuckled, in tears just trying to turn on to
8 Ridge Road without getting hit.

9 SPEAKER: Right. Uh-huh.

10 SPEAKER: And, you know, driving a car
11 for the first time. So I think that would be
12 something that I would really want them to realize.

13 SPEAKER: They will really -- okay.

14 SPEAKER: And I think we're really unique
15 in that neighborhood because if my impression is --

16 SPEAKER: The Ridge Road neighborhood,
17 right? The Ridge Road and -- and interchange?

18 SPEAKER: Right. The Ridge Road
19 neighborhood, but our neighborhood is turned over
20 and you've got some people who raise their kids and
21 are now moving out of the neighborhood and the
22 people who are moving in are still bringing in
23 kids. It's just -- it's just that kind of
24 neighborhood because you've got the two schools.

25 SPEAKER: Yeah.

1 SPEAKER: Because you've got ability to
2 have your kids walk -- be able to --

3 SPEAKER: And the churches because
4 there's some solid preschools here.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah. Oh, yeah. I'm
6 forgetting about the preschools. Yep.

7 SPEAKER: And there's the preschool that
8 Lacy so there's Goddard School, there's --

9 SPEAKER: Oh, now there's the Goddard.

10 SPEAKER: Yes. Yes, a lot of the
11 children walk to school. A lot of the preschool
12 moms walk their kids to preschool, so there's
13 Goddard, Moravian, here, Highland, and at Lacy is a
14 preschool. So five preschools.

15 SPEAKER: So five preschools. Five
16 preschools.

17 SPEAKER: On Ridge Road.

18 SPEAKER: A lot of dog walking, too.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah.

20 SPEAKER: It's an actual business for
21 teenagers here, dog walking.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah.

23 SPEAKER: Great.

24 SPEAKER: I'll let you figure out how to
25 condense these because I'm not sure. The impacted

1 area -- the study area is where there's really four
2 intersections, only one of those intersections is a
3 neighborhood and that's Ridge Road.

4 SPEAKER: Okay.

5 SPEAKER: So not withstanding that the
6 other three intersections that -- that Glenwood,
7 Lead Mine and [inaudible] are commuter
8 intersections.

9 SPEAKER: Uh-huh, and there's no --

10 SPEAKER: And there's a little
11 neighborhood intersection. I've lived here all my
12 life.

13 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

14 SPEAKER: Commercial intersections.

15 SPEAKER: I grew up in the neighborhood.
16 Ridge Road is one of the few neighborhoods in
17 Raleigh that remains with the same type of presence
18 that you talk about that it had in the 1960s.

19 SPEAKER: Okay.

20 SPEAKER: Bicycles and dogs and children
21 and -- and -- and kicking balls out in the street
22 and feeling free to do so. And it's already been
23 degraded enough over time --

24 SPEAKER: Absolutely.

25 SPEAKER: -- with the cut-throughs and

1 everything else and it's not nearly as safe as it
2 was in the 60s and now they get to [inaudible] kill
3 -- kill it.

4 SPEAKER: Uh-huh. Yep.

5 SPEAKER: Well, I think that his point is
6 good. It's like, you're -- I -- you keep talking
7 about the study area, but ours is the only part of
8 the study area that is a neighborhood.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah.

10 SPEAKER: And that's why we keep talking
11 about it.

12 SPEAKER: But then I think, because I --
13 Glenwood's not a neighborhood. It's a mall.

14 SPEAKER: Yeah.

15 SPEAKER: Okay.

16 SPEAKER: And I think the study area has
17 to be expanded because that -- the area they're
18 studying what they're going to do to it is going to
19 have a huge impact on the one little part of Ridge
20 Road that's in the study, but even as it goes down
21 further.

22 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

23 SPEAKER: Well, I had a guy here that
24 said he worked in the neighborhood -- doesn't
25 didn't live in the neighborhood, but he worked in

1 the neighborhood, sitting next to me. And some --
2 he said well, I don't think it's going to be that
3 big a deal. He's like, they're never going to
4 widen Ridge Road. And I said, actually I disagree
5 with you, because it would be super easy to widen
6 Ridge Road. He said, it would be too expensive. I
7 said, no it would be super easy. Bye-bye bike
8 lanes.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah.

10 SPEAKER: Oh, and if we take away the
11 sidewalks we can do that too.

12 SPEAKER: Yeah.

13 SPEAKER: Because if you have -- if you
14 have that kind of traffic going through and you
15 need to widen a road, it actually isn't going to be
16 hard to widen Ridge Road at all because you have
17 those -- it's -- there -- it's a nice wide road
18 already.

19 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

20 SPEAKER: It's just that we have bike
21 lanes on both sides.

22 SPEAKER: Okay.

23 SPEAKER: So the second that you take
24 away the two bike lanes, that's a car lane.

25 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

1 SPEAKER: So -- so it's important to you
2 -- can I say that it's important to you to keep the
3 bike lanes and the sidewalks on Ridge?

4 SPEAKER: Yes, because we keep being told
5 there's no plans to widen Ridge Road and then let's
6 see what the plans are in five years or 10 years.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah. Once traffic --

8 SPEAKER: It's a slippery slope, as they
9 say, yes.

10 SPEAKER: Well -- well, I don't believe
11 [inaudible].

12 SPEAKER: And then one of the DOT
13 gentlemen that I spoke with said that he -- he
14 thought this would be less traffic he -- that we
15 didn't want Ridge Road to be used as the
16 cut-through because that's what he does when he
17 goes to PNC Arena and the Beltline backed up.
18 Wouldn't we feel more comfortable if it was our
19 neighbors coming through here going to the mall?
20 And I'm like that's silly because everybody's going
21 to realize it's a cut-through right to Wade Avenue.
22 Like, you're not going to have that fact, and ways
23 are going to tell you to go that way.

24 SPEAKER: Right.

25 SPEAKER: Like, we're not going to get

1 less cut-through traffic, but I don't understand
2 what his reasoning was there.

3 SPEAKER: Yes, I think the biggest
4 concern is that we'll get more traffic and more
5 traffic will result in another project, which will
6 be to widen Wade Road.

7 SPEAKER: Yep.

8 SPEAKER: And so, regardless of whether
9 widening Wade Road is a concern now, it will be a
10 concern in the not so distance future.

11 SPEAKER: Right.

12 SPEAKER: And, if you want an exactly,
13 like, a clear example of that, you could use
14 Creedmoor Road, where the -- where it intersecting
15 Millbrook and Lynn Road.

16 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

17 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

18 SPEAKER: There was no plan to widen them
19 and their both four lanes now.

20 SPEAKER: Yeah.

21 SPEAKER: Okay.

22 SPEAKER: Yep.

23 SPEAKER: Going back again. Okay. We've
24 got Ridge Road. Going back to any of the other
25 intersections, do you have any other thoughts about

1 the other intersections?

2 SPEAKER: All Metroplex, is going to be
3 over there.

4 SPEAKER: I mean, you know, I'll say what
5 I've said in a meeting before when I was just
6 getting a little bit prissy is the reason you have
7 this problem, is 100 percent on the same people who
8 are trying to fix this problem.

9 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

10 SPEAKER: So, you built a whole bunch of
11 apartments without considering traffic and now it's
12 on -- now it's on us to fix your --

13 SPEAKER: Did you see where they tore the
14 house down? That -- way in the back by the hotel
15 and they're building up more apartments?

16 SPEAKER: Yeah, oh yeah. Those are all
17 going to be apartments.

18 SPEAKER: So -- so I'm going to put that
19 under the traffic problems and the specific
20 problems, right?

21 SPEAKER: Yeah, okay.

22 SPEAKER: The specific intersections and
23 where are the -- and the -- and the apartments are
24 where?

25 SPEAKER: Oh god, they're everywhere.

1 SPEAKER: Everywhere.

2 SPEAKER: Everywhere.

3 SPEAKER: That's the problem. So, Lead
4 Mine, Blue Ridge, Glenwood.

5 SPEAKER: You guys, what's that -- what's
6 that -- Hill Road, what is that road?

7 SPEAKER: Blue Ridge?

8 SPEAKER: The one where the big hill?
9 No, no, no, that comes off of it, Kidd's Hill.
10 But, off the road.

11 SPEAKER: Kidd's Hill. Kidd's Hill area.

12 SPEAKER: Yeah, K-I --

13 SPEAKER: D-D --

14 SPEAKER: K-I-D-S? D-D?

15 SPEAKER: Yeah, two D's.

16 SPEAKER: Yeah, connect -- coming off of
17 Blue Ridge here and, you know, it goes this way to
18 the mall.

19 SPEAKER: Oh, yeah. Okay. Yes.

20 SPEAKER: Oh, that's Bates Cars
21 [phonetic].

22 SPEAKER: Yeah.

23 SPEAKER: Bates Cars [phonetic].

24 SPEAKER: Okay. So, the apartments have
25 increased?

1 SPEAKER: Yes. Oh.

2 SPEAKER: A million of them.

3 SPEAKER: I live in Durham, we know about
4 apartments everywhere.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah, apartments. Yeah, Durham
6 is totally different than it used to be.

7 SPEAKER: You now have Crabtree Boulevard
8 Avenue -- Avenue Boulevard, I guess is what it was
9 called?

10 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

11 SPEAKER: It's a dead end now at
12 Creedmoor Road.

13 SPEAKER: Crabtree Avenue Boulevard? We
14 put a road & a street in there?

15 SPEAKER: Yeah, where Creedmoor
16 transitions over to Edwards Mill.

17 SPEAKER: Dead ends.

18 SPEAKER: Dead ends at Creedmoor?

19 SPEAKER: At intersection of Creedmoor
20 and Edwards Mill.

21 SPEAKER: Yeah, Creedmoor slash Edwards
22 Mill.

23 SPEAKER: And that's problematic?

24 SPEAKER: Yeah.

25 SPEAKER: Yeah, very [inaudible].

1 SPEAKER: Yeah. I mean, its like they
2 decided to build a bunch of apartments because
3 people want to live near a mall, which kind of
4 cracks me up, because people don't actually say I
5 don't live near a mall anymore, but, their building
6 the apartments anyway.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah.

8 SPEAKER: So, you have literally
9 surrounded Crabtree Valley Mall with apartment
10 building, after apartment building, after apartment
11 building and then you turn and say why do we have
12 all these traffic problems?

13 SPEAKER: Yeah.

14 SPEAKER: And, to our point, that's what
15 -- where you said it's more commuter traffic than
16 mall traffic. They're not going to the mall,
17 they're going to all the freaking apartments you
18 built without any consideration about roads. So,
19 enjoy your taxes. Don't make us fix it.

20 SPEAKER: Right.

21 SPEAKER: Okay. Okay.

22 SPEAKER: And did we put anywhere -- make
23 a point of saying that -- that I'm back to Ridge
24 Road, not the other intersections. That the entire
25 road is residential until you get to the Wade

1 Avenue interchange? Because, my point is like I
2 just don't understand why people are sitting around
3 in a room thinking we need to alleviate some
4 traffic on Glenwood and then they thought, oh, well,
5 let's put an interchange that goes up in to a
6 residential neighborhood with three churches, two
7 schools and a bunch of houses. That just makes no
8 sense.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah.

10 SPEAKER: Have you ready for one more
11 traffic problem?

12 SPEAKER: Of course. We'll make it work.

13 SPEAKER: Interstate highway intersecting
14 with a neighborhood street?

15 SPEAKER: Okay.

16 SPEAKER: I mean that goes back to the --
17 it's a 35 speed limit on Ridge Road and they're
18 coming off at 60, because it's a highway.

19 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

20 SPEAKER: And the only reason we haven't
21 had anything catastrophic happen is because what's
22 her name has a big lot with a farm, so there's not
23 a lot going on there and then they have that open
24 area so the houses are kind of pushed back, because
25 I think if you had a lot of interaction going on up

1 there, there are going to be accidents and death
2 all the time.

3 SPEAKER: Accidents all the time.

4 SPEAKER: I mean, if you had kids trying
5 to cross up there, it would be a nightmare.

6 SPEAKER: That's why I don't let me kids
7 cross up there.

8 SPEAKER: Okay. Okay. So let's get to
9 the last question and then we can revisit. What
10 can NCDOT do to demonstrate being a partner with
11 the community of stake holders while tackling the
12 complex transportation challenges created by rapid
13 urban growth in Wake County?

14 SPEAKER: All right.

15 SPEAKER: What do you want DOT to know
16 that what do you want them to do?

17 SPEAKER: You need to partner with the
18 people who are -- who are -- who are approving all
19 of these building permits. I've never lived in a
20 city where they left hand and the right hand had no
21 freaking idea what they were doing.

22 SPEAKER: Okay.

23 SPEAKER: So, if you're going to build
24 all these apartments, then where -- why aren't you
25 involving transportation in there?

1 SPEAKER: Right.

2 SPEAKER: Why aren't you talking about
3 bus stops in front of those -- those apartments and
4 what -- how big the roads are and what the
5 expectation is of other building things that are
6 going on that are going to impact streets. I -- it
7 just -- it just -- everyone is sitting in their own
8 little silo, making their own little decisions and
9 not having any idea what anyone else is doing.

10 SPEAKER: Right, I mean transportation,
11 apartments, bus stops, you know.

12 SPEAKER: Yeah, schools, you know, like
13 -- that's the other thing, like, you know, don't
14 even get me started on the schools.

15 SPEAKER: Don't even get me started on
16 the schools.

17 SPEAKER: It will be the happiest day of
18 my life when I'm done with Wake County Public
19 School.

20 SPEAKER: Oh my god! I'm like -- I don't
21 mean to rub it in your face but two in a half year.

22 SPEAKER: Okay. That's -- that's off
23 topic. Bring it back here. That's a whole other
24 listening session that I am not going to work.
25 What else?

1 SPEAKER: Yes, that listening session
2 won't happen.

3 SPEAKER: No.

4 SPEAKER: They don't listen.

5 SPEAKER: My grandchildren are now
6 graduating from college, so I [inaudible].

7 SPEAKER: But what else? What -- what --
8 what would you like -- how would you feel -- what
9 would make you feel that DOT is listening to you
10 and your neighbors and the people in your
11 community?

12 SPEAKER: For them to ever actually react
13 in a way -- in a positive way to those being asked
14 to do instead of just going right on ahead with
15 whatever their plan is.

16 SPEAKER: So, this is good, this is a
17 step in the right direction. I think they are
18 actually listening.

19 SPEAKER: I don't know, are they?

20 SPEAKER: I don't know, do you think it's
21 just PR? Is it just PR?

22 SPEAKER: We weren't allowed to hear in a
23 public forum what -- what one gentleman had to say.
24 So then -- I mean, here, you'll have no voice
25 inflection, you'll have no body language, you would

1 be like a test rat.

2 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

3 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

4 SPEAKER: So, it will divide and conquer,
5 then.

6 SPEAKER: I think the other problem with
7 the DOT -- and I think it's just my problem in
8 North Carolina in general -- is that the DOT seems
9 to only be focused on cars.

10 SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 SPEAKER: On what?

12 SPEAKER: On cars. On vehicles. And,
13 you know.

14 SPEAKER: Can you state that on a
15 positive.

16 SPEAKER: On combustible, four-wheel --

17 SPEAKER: So what would you like them to
18 -- to focus on instead? Putting it in a more
19 positive way.

20 SPEAKER: I have an inside into the
21 younger generation and they, like, there are kids
22 not even getting their licenses. They have no
23 interest in driving.

24 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

25 SPEAKER: Okay? So they're going to

1 bike, they're going to walk, they're going to take
2 public transportation, they're going to bird
3 scooter, those stupid things. Whatever they're
4 going to do, but they're going to -- they're going
5 to -- they're going to Uber it. They're going to
6 -- they're going to, you know, ride share.

7 SPEAKER: There's easy ways for them to
8 get around.

9 SPEAKER: There's all the kinds of things
10 that they're way more interested in than cars.

11 SPEAKER: Okay. So, bikes, walking,
12 scooters, public -- public transportation, Uber.

13 SPEAKER: Uber.

14 SPEAKER: Uber's a big one for kids,
15 because that is an easy way for them to get around,
16 which -- it concerns me, 'cause I'm like, you don't
17 get your license, who's going to be the Uber
18 driver?

19 SPEAKER: Exactly!

20 SPEAKER: Have you thought this through
21 people?

22 SPEAKER: Okay. So it's -- it's a --
23 it's a -- did I capture it that -- that it -- they
24 should -- the positive is you want them to focus on
25 something other than cars?

1 SPEAKER: Well, I just think they need to
2 look at other -- if they -- if everyone around
3 Raleigh keeps calling us a city, which I don't
4 think we are --

5 SPEAKER: The world keeps changing.

6 SPEAKER: If they want to say we are a
7 city then they need to look at other cities and see
8 what they are doing, because -- besides Atlanta,
9 because they don't do it well, either. And that's
10 my concern is, like, we keep wanting to say we're a
11 city, but then we keep -- we keep building like
12 we're urban and we're just going to keep adding
13 streets and parking lots.

14 SPEAKER: I don't know -- I don't know
15 what you're saying -- I don't know where --

16 SPEAKER: I think it would be --

17 SPEAKER: I'm sorry.

18 SPEAKER: Go ahead. I'm sorry.

19 SPEAKER: I don't know where you put this
20 one in. If it is a [inaudible] it would fall in a
21 lot of these questions. If you think that Crabtree
22 Valley is a problem -- that whole study area's a
23 problem, take yourself out to the intersection of
24 540 and I believe 401 North at 8:00 a.m. and it
25 will make -- it will make Crabtree Valley look like

1 an easy passthrough.

2 SPEAKER: Seem like no big deal, yeah.

3 Yeah.

4 SPEAKER: Anyone who spends \$231 million
5 down here to solve the problem is not nearly as
6 significant as one on, I believe, 401. And I know,
7 because I was just out there two weeks ago at 8
8 o'clock.

9 SPEAKER: So, would you say --

10 SPEAKER: Prioritize the project.

11 SPEAKER: Yeah. Prioritize the projects
12 that are --

13 SPEAKER: Prioritize the expenditure of
14 the problems.

15 SPEAKER: I think -- I think there's a
16 lot of people around here that're suspicious this
17 was a very political project. They thought it was
18 going to go too fast and quick and they were going
19 to be able to throw something in the win column.

20 SPEAKER: And the legislature gave them
21 the money to that.

22 SPEAKER: The legislature not only give
23 them the money. They said to do it quickly.

24 SPEAKER: Yeah.

25 SPEAKER: So they wanted a quickie.

1 SPEAKER: Falling into the corporate
2 spend it or lose it mentality.

3 SPEAKER: Yes.

4 SPEAKER: I have to just say 448, 401.

5 SPEAKER: 448, I'm sorry.

6 SPEAKER: 448 --

7 SPEAKER: 548.

8 SPEAKER: 540.

9 SPEAKER: Problem is we have too many
10 40s.

11 SPEAKER: Yeah. A lot of 40s.

12 SPEAKER: 40. 445. 540.

13 SPEAKER: Yeah.

14 SPEAKER: 140 had the biggest.

15 SPEAKER: So on the on project on the
16 political question how do we -- how do you phrase
17 that? What would you like to know? What would you
18 like to know from DOT about the politics?

19 SPEAKER: How about --

20 SPEAKER: Transparency?

21 SPEAKER: What about specific benefits?
22 And how are they greater than the benefits of other
23 needed areas or areas of need? I mean I would like
24 to like big bang for your buck if we're going to do
25 it and I don't think this is one that I would like

1 add it like to me Glenwood and that intersection
2 while its always relatively busy unless its --

3 SPEAKER: It move.

4 SPEAKER: It moves unless its Christmas
5 or 8 o'clock in the morning or 5 o'clock in the
6 afternoon.

7 SPEAKER: Even 8 o'clock in the morning?

8 SPEAKER: Can I say why is this urgent?

9 SPEAKER: Yeah.

10 SPEAKER: Yes.

11 SPEAKER: Yeah. That's a good one.

12 Perfect. I would also like to say politics,
13 question mark. I would just like to say that
14 traffic is not that -- does not appear extremely
15 problematic except for certain times of the day.

16 SPEAKER: Yeah. So when you have a bunch
17 of people here I drive through Glenwood all the
18 time and I agree. It's all it's you don't love it,
19 because there's a lot of stoplights but it moves.

20 SPEAKER: Yeah. It's no worse than many
21 other places in Raleigh.

22 SPEAKER: Yup. It moves.

23 SPEAKER: But the size of the road that
24 it is that how many lanes it is and you know that
25 it takes you to so many places it moves very well.

1 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

2 SPEAKER: Except for certain times in the
3 night of the day, but I would argue you that you
4 could go almost anywhere in the Triangle --

5 SPEAKER: Exactly. You live in Durham,
6 you can say that.

7 SPEAKER: It takes 25 minutes just to get
8 out of Durham.

9 SPEAKER: 147 there is one really bad
10 intersection. It's not an intersection, but when
11 you come off the Beltline getting on to Glenwood
12 not going towards the mall, but you come off and it
13 seems like it's going to be a free-flowing lane and
14 you can merge, but you have to stop at that --

15 SPEAKER: Is this?

16 SPEAKER: -- stop sign --

17 SPEAKER: I think that's where a lot of
18 accidents happen.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah.

20 SPEAKER: Oh that's terrible. Yeah. I
21 know what you're talking about.

22 SPEAKER: Because nobody realizes you
23 have to stop.

24 SPEAKER: Right.

25 SPEAKER: So you're talking about when

1 you get off Ridge Road and go left to go to Ridge
2 or right to go to Glenwood?

3 SPEAKER: Yes. You go right to Glenwood
4 and it leads you back.

5 SPEAKER: It's not a stop sign. I
6 thought it was a yield.

7 SPEAKER: Is it a yield?

8 SPEAKER: And it's a long yield. It's
9 like you can kind of can go.

10 SPEAKER: But you can't really go,
11 because people are trying to get on.

12 SPEAKER: Exactly.

13 SPEAKER: 440.

14 SPEAKER: I think it might be a stop now.

15 SPEAKER: Is it a stop now?

16 SPEAKER: I think it is.

17 SPEAKER: Okay. So its 440 and so you're
18 going to Ridge.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah. You get off at Ridge and
20 instead of going left to go to Ridge you go right
21 to go to Glenwood and that --

22 SPEAKER: I agree with that. That's very
23 problematic.

24 SPEAKER: And you see that's -- no. But
25 that's poor design. Again, when you're looking at

1 those number of wrecks that the DOT keeps saying we
2 have to do something, because there's been how many
3 ever wrecks over the last five years. Again,
4 that's poor design and that's doesn't have to do
5 with the whole mall thing really.

6 SPEAKER: Right. It's just the poor
7 design.

8 SPEAKER: To have, you know, the
9 accidents like me just sitting at a stoplight and
10 one turns green and the person thought it turned
11 green that has nothing to do with the intersection
12 and I also want context. I want to know like to
13 tell me another intersection like this, how many
14 wrecks did they have?

15 SPEAKER: So I'm going to put -- I'm
16 going to reiterate this question over here.

17 SPEAKER: Right?

18 SPEAKER: And you need to be more
19 transparent, because I hate when people just throw
20 around data but it's like --

21 SPEAKER: Did you just --

22 SPEAKER: Of course. You always pick the
23 data that supports your you know --

24 SPEAKER: We are doing this, because of
25 all these accidents.

1 SPEAKER: But then no ones asking like
2 okay lets give me some details on those accidents.

3 SPEAKER: Need to be more transparency.
4 Transparency.

5 SPEAKER: Yup. It has to be shown that
6 it's specific to --

7 SPEAKER: The problem.

8 SPEAKER: If we move those if we did what
9 we did how is that going to decrease the accidents?
10 And if it's just you're going to have less cars
11 well I don't.

12 SPEAKER: What solution will help solve
13 the problem? Or will the solution?

14 SPEAKER: How will the solution solve
15 accidents problems specifically?

16 SPEAKER: Okay.

17 SPEAKER: And I think to know that you
18 literally would have to know those 2,000 accidents
19 or whatever they're saying like what was the
20 specifics of each one? Just like I said. Mine was
21 not related to that intersection. It could have
22 happened anywhere.

23 SPEAKER: To go back to that traffic
24 thing the DOT when we talk about partnerships, but
25 you know how it -- I feel like the DOT is very

1 reactive. Like here's a problem and now we have to
2 fix it rather than proactive.

3 SPEAKER: Like where is --

4 SPEAKER: Yes. You know what, Wake
5 County is growing but it's growing like weeds. Not
6 growing like weeds everywhere. There are certain
7 pockets that are growing more than others so why
8 aren't we focusing on figuring out where those
9 pockets are going to be and making sure that
10 they're ready before we have problems.

11 SPEAKER: Okay.

12 SPEAKER: So like in other words this
13 neighborhood really hasn't grown, right?

14 SPEAKER: No.

15 SPEAKER: Yeah. You tear down a house,
16 you put up a house.

17 SPEAKER: Exactly. You tear down a small
18 house and put up a humongous house. Seriously,
19 there's still more people moving into that house,
20 right?

21 SPEAKER: Yeah.

22 SPEAKER: I mean, I am amazed. I
23 remember this one house got built and I was like I
24 went inside, young couple. They didn't even have a
25 kid yet. I was like, oh my God. You are like

1 7,000 square feet. It's nuts. Anyway -- anyway --

2 SPEAKER: It's a hotel here.

3 SPEAKER: So anyway they rip down those
4 apartments and in behind Martin and what they put
5 up? They put up apartments so --

6 SPEAKER: Well -- there are more --

7 SPEAKER: Well, my point being there is
8 it's not changing that much, so it's not us that's
9 the problem.

10 SPEAKER: Well, and the homes has
11 expanded but the apartments have --

12 SPEAKER: They need to be more proactive
13 around the growth areas and not reactive.

14 SPEAKER: Yeah. If you're getting
15 building permits to build a billion apartments
16 around Crabtree Valley Mall then they should know
17 that ahead of time and the DOT should have a plan
18 for dealing with the bazillion apartments that
19 you're planning to build around.

20 SPEAKER: Or then you say it's not
21 feasible.

22 SPEAKER: It's not feasible or
23 economical. It's not feasible.

24 SPEAKER: Or the DOT has a vote in it and
25 says no you know what you don't get to give a

1 building permit there, because our road structure
2 is never going to be able to handle that.

3 SPEAKER: There's no capacity.

4 SPEAKER: You're going to have to --

5 SPEAKER: You've got to put separation on
6 DOT and city responsibility. That's where the
7 problem.

8 SPEAKER: That's where the problem is.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah. DOT doesn't have a
10 responsibility --

11 SPEAKER: And that's why I'm talking
12 about a DOT partnership.

13 SPEAKER: Yeah.

14 SPEAKER: Really.

15 SPEAKER: A partnership.

16 SPEAKER: That's right. That's right we
17 don't.

18 SPEAKER: State and local --

19 SPEAKER: State and local are not --

20 SPEAKER: Cooperative.

21 SPEAKER: Jiving.

22 SPEAKER: They're not what?

23 SPEAKER: They're not jiving.

24 SPEAKER: Jiving.

25 SPEAKER: Don't put that down.

1 SPEAKER: Cooperation is the professional
2 word.
3 SPEAKER: There's no jive.
4 SPEAKER: There's no jive.
5 SPEAKER: Okay. What else? So this has
6 been a --
7 SPEAKER: You're not old enough.
8 SPEAKER: To say jive?
9 SPEAKER: No. You're not old enough.
10 SPEAKER: You're doing a great job.
11 That's what I was going to say.
12 SPEAKER: [inaudible].
13 SPEAKER: Oh really?
14 SPEAKER: Yeah. And really there's not
15 going to anymore traffic.
16 SPEAKER: Wow.
17 SPEAKER: So Lake Boone Trail and Blue
18 Ridge we couldn't attest to that, right?
19 SPEAKER: Okay. So we've gotten through
20 the questions as we were instructed.
21 SPEAKER: So that brings up the Blue
22 Ridge expansion. That is happening now, is that
23 correct?
24 SPEAKER: Yes.
25 SPEAKER: So what will that do to this

1 area? Like will that take some of the headache off
2 the traffic or no?

3 SPEAKER: I don't know.

4 SPEAKER: We're -- we're in Blue Ridge at
5 the intersection of Blue Ridge and Ridge Road
6 excuse me Blue Ridge and Hillsborough.

7 SPEAKER: Oh? In Hillsborough?

8 SPEAKER: Blue Ridge and Hillsborough.

9 SPEAKER: I thought it was coming up
10 though towards the mall?

11 SPEAKER: I don't know. Oh you're -- oh
12 you're talking about the Blue Ridge widening?

13 SPEAKER: Yes.

14 SPEAKER: Close to the mall.

15 SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah.

16 SPEAKER: That's just that -- that won't
17 hurt anything. That's just the widening to three
18 lanes --

19 SPEAKER: Okay.

20 SPEAKER: -- through there. So that's
21 not really going to have a big impact, in my mind
22 on the traffic situation.

23 SPEAKER: Okay.

24 SPEAKER: Okay. Do you want to look
25 through the questions again and you all have been

1 great? You have been fabulous participants. I
2 appreciate the I appreciate the good humor on a
3 passionate topic. Makes my job easier when you're
4 actually talkative and not --

5 SPEAKER: I mean I think you know just
6 because I know you don't know the technicality of
7 the project, but since this started everyone in
8 this neighborhood had she went up there and said we
9 had energy. Okay. We were pissed off --

10 SPEAKER: Right.

11 SPEAKER: -- because you --

12 SPEAKER: That's pretty clear.

13 SPEAKER: Yeah. You guys put together a
14 study area that did not include our neighborhood
15 and the fact that you did not include our
16 neighborhood is just you trying to avoid what you
17 knew was going to be a problem.

18 SPEAKER: Right.

19 SPEAKER: You knew this neighborhood was
20 going to get negatively impacted so we won't put
21 them in the study so that they don't think they
22 have a problem and unfortunately, we are apparently
23 brighter than we look, because we figured it out.

24 SPEAKER: I hear you. I would say that I
25 did not put together the project.

1 SPEAKER: I know you didn't so no -- no
2 -- no I'm saying --

3 SPEAKER: Let me ask you this positively
4 of what you want DOT to do. Would you want to put
5 Ridge Road into the study area?

6 SPEAKER: Yeah. Ridge Road needs to be
7 in the study area.

8 SPEAKER: The whole part of it.

9 SPEAKER: I think we mentioned that, but
10 it's like it doesn't seem like it's getting
11 listened to, because the study area has not
12 changed. In the six months that people have been
13 bitching and moaning about this project it hasn't
14 changed.

15 SPEAKER: Yeah.

16 SPEAKER: One word, transparency, used
17 100 times in these meetings or lack of transparency
18 between.

19 SPEAKER: And I think the concern is that
20 they expand the study area then where do you put
21 the line, but the plain and simple fact is when
22 you're going to put anything off of a highway onto
23 a street that entire street needs to be considered.
24 That is I just that's just common sense. So --

25 SPEAKER: You're going to bring someone

1 off the highway --

2 SPEAKER: You're going to take someone
3 going 60 miles per hour onto 35 --

4 SPEAKER: Onto a neighborhood street.

5 SPEAKER: Onto a 35 mile per hour road.

6 SPEAKER: Not another road, a
7 neighborhood street.

8 SPEAKER: Oh, that's the other thing we
9 should talk about. Every single one of the
10 exchanges in the study area is outside of the
11 Beltline, except for us. We are inside the
12 Beltline. That is -- that is a distinctive thing
13 in Raleigh, to be inside the Beltline and outside
14 the Beltline.

15 SPEAKER: Okay. So --

16 SPEAKER: And we pay taxes.

17 SPEAKER: A lot of taxes.

18 SPEAKER: Only intersection in study area
19 inside the Beltline.

20 SPEAKER: Yes.

21 SPEAKER: Stand [inaudible] put ITB?

22 Does everyone know what that means?

23 SPEAKER: Yeah, everyone knows what that
24 is.

25 SPEAKER: Everybody does?

1 SPEAKER: Yeah. Okay. Others are OTB.

2 SPEAKER: OTB.

3 SPEAKER: And you all pay taxes? More
4 taxes?

5 SPEAKER: Well, I mean we're -- I think
6 our property taxes are. I mean it's the same rate,
7 but we're --

8 SPEAKER: Different because of property
9 values.

10 SPEAKER: The values is a lot.

11 SPEAKER: Property values correct. The
12 property values are higher, so yes. Thank you.

13 SPEAKER: Okay. I was going to say how
14 does that work that you're taxed higher, but you
15 have higher property values.

16 SPEAKER: But it's the same higher --
17 higher property values, therefore --

18 SPEAKER: I mean all you have to do is
19 cross the bridge on -- on Glen Eden.

20 SPEAKER: Yeah.

21 SPEAKER: And it's huge difference.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah.

23 SPEAKER: You literally drive over 440
24 and the property taxes go up. Or the property
25 values.

1 SPEAKER: The property values go up.

2 SPEAKER: Yeah.

3 SPEAKER: That -- that is what the --

4 Yeah

5 SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah.

6 SPEAKER: Thus the taxes.

7 SPEAKER: I was like, I don't think

8 there's a city county line. Not for that one, but

9 property values for sure. Okay.

10 SPEAKER: And it, like Glenwood is

11 Highway 70 or Highway --

12 SPEAKER: Yeah, 70.

13 SPEAKER: Yeah, 70.

14 SPEAKER: 70.

15 SPEAKER: 70.

16 SPEAKER: So you truly are -- and the

17 Beltline is a highway. Not--

18 SPEAKER: Yeah.

19 SPEAKER: I guess I. Whatever.

20 Interstate.

21 SPEAKER: Yeah, interstate.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah.

23 SPEAKER: So you're truly bringing

24 highway-interstate traffic to a neighborhood road.

25 It makes no sense.

1 SPEAKER: Right. Right. I think we --
2 SPEAKER: Yeah.
3 SPEAKER: Yes, I think we said bringing-
4 SPEAKER: I agree.
5 SPEAKER: -- highway traffic to
6 neighborhood road. Right. Okay. I'm just going
7 to -- I'm just going to bring us back to assets.
8 SPEAKER: Okay.
9 SPEAKER: Since there's a lot of what was
10 wrong. Right?
11 SPEAKER: Right.
12 SPEAKER: Any more thought about what --
13 what was -- what's right -- what -- what's good? I
14 mean if we -- we've had some of it in important
15 things like, you've got bike lanes and sidewalks.
16 Other thoughts about -- thinking about those
17 specific places what you -- what makes you happy as
18 you drive by them.
19 SPEAKER: We repeat ourselves an awful
20 lot this morning, but Chart 3 --
21 SPEAKER: Yeah.
22 SPEAKER: Just about every one them is
23 outside the study area.
24 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.
25 SPEAKER: Okay.

1 SPEAKER: Yeah. So -- so the things --
2 the things that we're saying we love --

3 SPEAKER: That we know are going to get
4 impacted.

5 SPEAKER: -- and we know they're going to
6 get impacted. There's just no way they can't. You
7 just - it's just impossible. So the reason we've
8 written all this, and the outside is, you know --
9 the plain simple fact is the study area that you
10 guys keep trying to talk about, three quarters of
11 it is all commercial stuff. Everything that's on
12 Glenwood is commercial. Everything that -- it's a
13 very -- they're very commercialized neighborhoods.
14 Whatever you want to call them. Ours isn't. And
15 so the reason we're bringing up these things is
16 because you're -- you're going to impact -- you're
17 going to bring that commercial stuff and ruin all
18 this. So I don't know -- I mean I agree, it's
19 like, I mean I'm trying to think of community
20 assets, you know like, that are more in the study
21 area, but I think the biggest problem is that
22 you're going to take your study area and dump it on
23 our neighborhood. That's what you're going to do.
24 You're going to pick that study area up and just
25 throw it right on.

1 SPEAKER: And there's no -- like at one
2 of the meetings somebody said, will this bring --
3 do you think this will bring more traffic? And the
4 lady said, well, we don't want to do anything that,
5 you know, brings more traffic. Or something, I
6 can't remember exactly what was said. But it's
7 impossible not to bring more traffic. So you can't
8 do it and not bring more traffic to Ridge Road. It
9 just doesn't even make --

10 SPEAKER: Well, then, why are you doing
11 it? If -- if it's not to -- well, what we were
12 told is you guys were trying to relieve traffic on
13 Glenwood, but we're not going to bring more traffic
14 to Ridge Road.

15 SPEAKER: Yeah, there's no way.

16 SPEAKER: You're literally talking out
17 both sides your mouth.

18 SPEAKER: There's no way that it happens.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah it can't -- it can't do
20 it. So I mean, I think -- you know when you talk
21 about what do we love. Quiet neighborhood -- I
22 mean part of --

23 SPEAKER: We already have a lot of
24 traffic.

25 SPEAKER: You know, I think they're

1 waiting for us to be like, oh! I love my corner
2 store or whatever. It's -- we don't have that.
3 It's not a commercial neighborhood. It is a
4 neighborhood. It is a neighborhood that you --

5 SPEAKER: [Inaudible]

6 SPEAKER: -- that you have a hard time
7 finding nowadays. Right? You have a hard time,
8 especially in this area. Like, I moved from
9 another part of Raleigh. We had -- my neighborhood
10 was a neighborhood, but had no sidewalks, no
11 lights, no crossing thing. So when my kid went out
12 to play, it was -- it was a neighborhood, you know
13 like a development.

14 SPEAKER: Right. Yeah.

15 SPEAKER: So, you know, there wasn't a
16 ton of traffic, but it wasn't --

17 SPEAKER: It didn't have the amenities.

18 SPEAKER: It doesn't have the amenities.
19 Here, it's like my kid can get on a bike, in a bike
20 lane, ride over to his friend's house, do whatever
21 he's going to do, then -- and then, you know, leave
22 his bike -- oh, I left my bike at so-in-so's,
23 'cause we went to so-in-so's. So I walked home.
24 And he can walk home on a sidewalk. It's just a
25 completely different feel.

1 SPEAKER: Right.

2 SPEAKER: That it's a unique
3 neighborhood.

4 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

5 SPEAKER: And that's why we're -- we're
6 --

7 SPEAKER: Right.

8 SPEAKER: -- fighting on.

9 SPEAKER: Right. Right. I understand.
10 I understand. I think we --

11 SPEAKER: So there's no other assets. I
12 can't think of any other assets.

13 SPEAKER: But there -- the other --

14 SPEAKER: We don't have ice-cream trucks
15 that come through there, right?

16 SPEAKER: If you're looking -- Glenwood
17 and Creedmoor, Blue Ridge, Lead Mine, all along
18 that area, 440. Just to remind you what the study
19 of area is.

20 SPEAKER: [Inaudible]

21 SPEAKER: So this is Glenwood right
22 there?

23 SPEAKER: I'm really [Inaudible] with the
24 questions.

25 SPEAKER: [Inaudible]

1 SPEAKER: So we're like, right at the
2 edge. The edge, right?

3 SPEAKER: Yeah, right there at the edge.
4 Yeah, right there.

5 SPEAKER: Yep.

6 SPEAKER: So where is Ridge Road?

7 SPEAKER: So Ridge Road is -- kind of
8 runs parallel from Glenwood -- Glenwood to here.
9 This is all the way down.

10 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] It is -- this links
11 -- [Inaudible]

12 SPEAKER: So you get off at Glenwood, and
13 you immediately get on --

14 SPEAKER: No, so you can get off 440 and
15 you could go to the right and go to Glenwood, or
16 you can go stay to the left and come down Ridge
17 Road.

18 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] The impact section
19 [inaudible] at Ridge Road.

20 SPEAKER: If it were really -- just
21 really not on there.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah -- so this is -- we are
23 technically in the study area. But Ridge Road goes
24 all the way down here.

25 SPEAKER: All the way [inaudible].

1 SPEAKER: So you stopped it at a point --

2 SPEAKER: Right. Right.

3 SPEAKER: -- where it's still getting
4 impacted.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah.

6 SPEAKER: Like the -- one of the schools
7 is right here. And then the other school is down
8 here.

9 SPEAKER: I always come up Ridge Road
10 from Wade Avenue and never go all the way up, so.

11 SPEAKER: Yep. Yep.

12 SPEAKER: I don't have reason to go. So
13 -- so --

14 SPEAKER: So and besides Wade Avenue,
15 those are the only stores we have. So --
16 [inaudible] and the avenue you had like wholesales
17 --

18 SPEAKER: And all of this is -- is
19 congested sometimes, but it still moves. Like you
20 said. So it -- and during the morning and the
21 evening it's worse.

22 SPEAKER: Especially when you get over
23 here, there's nothing over here.

24 SPEAKER: Yeah. Nothing.

25 SPEAKER: It's just right here.

1 SPEAKER: Yeah.

2 SPEAKER: Right in front of the mall,
3 'cause people are turning up Lead Mine or up
4 Creedmoor.

5 SPEAKER: Now, there was that discussion
6 about that second entrance into the mall. The one
7 that goes to the upper deck.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 SPEAKER: They were -- discussion about
10 if that light wasn't there, it would move even
11 faster.

12 SPEAKER: Faster. Yeah.

13 SPEAKER: And is that even needed? I
14 don't know.

15 SPEAKER: I think it's needed on the
16 other side.

17 SPEAKER: Yeah.

18 SPEAKER: People turn on it, you know,
19 coming off of, like coming [inaudible] --

20 SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

21 SPEAKER: -- go in that way.

22 SPEAKER: I do want to kind of -- I'm
23 trying to figure out how to capture that. And I
24 think -- did I already say that -- did I already
25 put it up that you are saying that the intersection

1 actually does move?

2 SPEAKER: Yeah.

3 SPEAKER: Yeah.

4 SPEAKER: Yeah.

5 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] but it's not --

6 SPEAKER: I mean I travel Glenwood Avenue
7 going in that direction, so I -- so I'll come --

8 SPEAKER: So let me put it over here in
9 important things.

10 SPEAKER: -- I come up -- I come up off
11 of here, get right -- my kid -- my kids are scared
12 to drive on 440 when they first started driving.

13 SPEAKER: Right.

14 SPEAKER: So we -- we go onto 440,
15 technically and, but stay in the right and get
16 right onto Glenwood. Do you know what I'm talking
17 about, right?

18 SPEAKER: Yeah.

19 SPEAKER: And then they turn left. And
20 so my daughter has piano lessons so we go up Lead
21 Mine and go, like -- so we do that once a week. My
22 son does Taekwondo, so we go up to Creedmoor and
23 he's off -- so I'm travelling up and down this all
24 the time. Usually very nervous, because I have a
25 15-year-old driving and I'm going to die.

1 SPEAKER: I know.

2 SPEAKER: And we travel and -- and I'm
3 letting my 15-year-old go on there. The traffic is
4 not horrible or scary. It's what? Five lanes.
5 Right?

6 SPEAKER: Yeah.

7 SPEAKER: It's pretty wide. And that's
8 her biggest concern is, okay. When I'm coming off
9 onto Glenwood and taking a left, what lane, Mommy?
10 What lane? And I'm like, get all the way to the
11 right so that you can take your right onto Lead
12 Mine.

13 SPEAKER: Okay.

14 SPEAKER: So I mean, it is --

15 SPEAKER: So it moves.

16 SPEAKER: -- so you're really -- it
17 moves.

18 SPEAKER: Yeah.

19 SPEAKER: What I'm hearing is that part
20 of the frustration is it seems like this is not as
21 bad --

22 SPEAKER: Not that big of a problem.

23 SPEAKER: Yeah, this is not that big of a
24 problem.

25 SPEAKER: No.

1 SPEAKER: Are you --

2 SPEAKER: Yeah, I'm trying to find Ridge
3 Road.

4 SPEAKER: Oh. Oh, you can't see it
5 either.

6 SPEAKER: So --

7 SPEAKER: It -- it's kind of going
8 parallel along this 40 right here. Like right in
9 here.

10 SPEAKER: Oh. Okay.

11 SPEAKER: No, it's not showing it. That
12 -- that's hysterical too that you guys came to
13 Ridge Road. We've been studying that, but it
14 doesn't show Ridge Road.

15 SPEAKER: Exactly. Exactly.

16 SPEAKER: 'Cause we're not on there.

17 SPEAKER: You mean the study area is the
18 only --

19 SPEAKER: No, no, no. The Study area is
20 -- I don't know why there's only one circle there.
21 It's all this gray area. It's all that dark gray
22 area.

23 SPEAKER: [Inaudible].

24 SPEAKER: Do you know if a similar kind
25 of thing is going on about Six Forks Road?

1 SPEAKER: I do not know. I don't -- I
2 know that this group, Partners for Impact has not
3 been hired to do that. They've only been hired to
4 do this specific section.

5 SPEAKER: This specific thing.

6 SPEAKER: So if DOT is doing it on Six
7 Forks Road, then they're doing it with somebody
8 else.

9 SPEAKER: I feel like Six Forks is -- is
10 a far bigger problem.

11 SPEAKER: Oh it is.

12 SPEAKER: Okay. So I'm going to put that
13 over here.

14 SPEAKER: And they keep [inaudible].

15 SPEAKER: There's other areas like Six
16 Forks Road.

17 SPEAKER: I'm kidding. Actually, like
18 North Hills -- I mean I think they thought they
19 were being pretty smart making it three lanes --

20 SPEAKER: Yeah.

21 SPEAKER: But maybe make it a Glenwood.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah.

23 SPEAKER: It needed to be five. Again, I
24 think, you know, when they built that they were
25 like, oh, we're going to think ahead and make it

1 three lanes. It's not going to need that right
2 away. But now it does. And now they have no way
3 to widen it.

4 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] really really
5 getting the sense that [inaudible] all the study
6 area is on Ridge Road [inaudible].

7 SPEAKER: And we're not even in it. You
8 know --

9 SPEAKER: Okay.

10 SPEAKER: [Inaudible]

11 SPEAKER: Okay. Okay. That's good.
12 That's good.

13 SPEAKER: 'Cause I haven't thought about
14 that --

15 SPEAKER: Yeah.

16 SPEAKER: -- in what you were saying
17 today.

18 SPEAKER: It's because it's the most --
19 the biggest impact, almost.

20 SPEAKER: Sorry, I stole that from you.

21 SPEAKER: It's okay.

22 SPEAKER: I mean why wouldn't the people
23 right around the Glenwood Interchange here
24 [inaudible].

25 SPEAKER: Well, even, like this part of

1 the study area -- okay. So we were talking about
2 being inside the Beltline. So technically this,
3 all this is inside.

4 SPEAKER: Yeah, it's [inaudible].

5 SPEAKER: But this part of Glenwood,
6 that's all businesses.

7 SPEAKER: Right.

8 SPEAKER: All businesses.

9 SPEAKER: Right.

10 SPEAKER: So --

11 SPEAKER: Well, I think that -- that the
12 --

13 SPEAKER: There's no houses there.

14 SPEAKER: -- the concern for this project
15 is try to get those businesses, those business
16 owners, the people that work there --

17 SPEAKER: Right.

18 SPEAKER: -- into these sessions too.

19 SPEAKER: Right.

20 SPEAKER: Right. So that -- 'cause
21 they're affected by the traffic.

22 SPEAKER: Right.

23 SPEAKER: Right. They're going to be
24 affected. So it is -- that is the goal, is to get
25 people. That's why there's some in the evening,

1 some on Saturdays, to get more people -- all the
2 people who are impacted. Not just the people who
3 live there.

4 SPEAKER: And if I worked on Glenwood
5 Avenue, I would say, yes, there's a lot of traffic.
6 I wish I could get to my work sooner. But I could
7 say that about anywhere in Raleigh. If I worked on
8 Falls of the Neuse, I'd say the same thing, yes,
9 there's a lot of traffic. I'd like to get there
10 sooner. I mean, see [inaudible] big difference.

11 SPEAKER: It's interesting 'cause a
12 business person, you can have employees saying, I
13 want to get there earlier, there's traffic. But
14 then you get the business owners going, oh, I like
15 all the traffic, because I'm getting all this
16 drive-by.

17 SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah.

18 SPEAKER: And now you could be taking
19 away my drive-by.

20 SPEAKER: Or they could be saying, I need
21 -- I needed to slow down so people can actually,
22 like turn in to my driveway without --

23 SPEAKER: But there's turn lanes --

24 SPEAKER: There's many ways. But I mean
25 that's why -- the idea it's that -- when Beth said,

1 ask her. Tell her. Ask the people at the grocery
2 store. Ask whatever to come to the listening
3 sessions because the idea is to get more than --

4 SPEAKER: What about those --

5 SPEAKER: -- more voices. And actually
6 get more diverse voices. Right? You know, those
7 apartment dwellers.

8 SPEAKER: -- those huge houses they just
9 built at the corner of [inaudible] like, right --
10 like if you come down [inaudible].

11 SPEAKER: You know, the young [inaudible]
12 --

13 SPEAKER: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

14 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] humongous houses
15 right there.

16 SPEAKER: What are their experiences?

17 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] of that.

18 SPEAKER: Okay?

19 SPEAKER: Oh yeah. All this is going on
20 now.

21 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] the negative
22 economic impact to some businesses a part from this
23 project. And I'm sure you're wondering what I'm --

24 SPEAKER: Will there be a negative
25 impact?

1 SPEAKER: -- where I'm referring to. But
2 I represent the group that owns three of the hotels
3 on the other side of 440. What they're talking
4 about doing is -- is widening -- taking [inaudible]
5 Boulevard, bringing it up through those properties
6 --

7 SPEAKER: And put it through those
8 hotels?

9 SPEAKER: Yeah.

10 SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 SPEAKER: -- and building a huge
12 retaining wall so your going to have added traffic,
13 you going to have added lights, you going to have
14 horns, you going to have [inaudible] on your -- on
15 the road switching up there, [inaudible] nightmare.
16 So from a business point of view, negative impact.

17 SPEAKER: Okay.

18 SPEAKER: Oh see, I thought the hotels
19 would have been happy 'cause they get the drive-by.

20 SPEAKER: But in the beginning --

21 SPEAKER: Absolutely not.

22 SPEAKER: They weren't, okay.

23 SPEAKER: But in the beginning, the
24 hotels didn't even know about it when Judy went
25 over there and asked them about it.

1 SPEAKER: We already did.

2 SPEAKER: They did?

3 SPEAKER: Well, yeah. I've been
4 following this project since 2013.

5 SPEAKER: Okay. All right. Well, that's
6 good to know.

7 SPEAKER: Maybe whoever she saw that day
8 didn't know about it.

9 SPEAKER: That's good to know.

10 SPEAKER: You must have a [inaudible].

11 SPEAKER: I've got all of the renderings
12 from back in 2009 and '10 when they did those.

13 SPEAKER: Okay. So when they first -- am
14 I crazy? 'Cause when they first sent something to
15 us, I thought the proposal -- this was years ago,
16 then they dropped it. I thought the proposal was,
17 cut off the bridge at --

18 SPEAKER: Ridge.

19 SPEAKER: -- Ridge so nobody coming off
20 the Beltline onto Ridge. But then there was no
21 mention of bringing an interchange there to go into
22 the mall at that time.

23 SPEAKER: No, no there -- there was.

24 SPEAKER: There was?

25 SPEAKER: Yeah. I could bring -- there

1 were.

2 SPEAKER: Okay.

3 SPEAKER: About six different
4 possibilities --

5 SPEAKER: 'Cause I didn't understand
6 that.

7 SPEAKER: -- for design at that time.

8 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

9 SPEAKER: And most of those included --
10 five out of the six included an interchange through
11 a neighborhood.

12 SPEAKER: Okay. Somehow I missed that.
13 'Cause I was excited about the bridge being gone.

14 SPEAKER: Sure, yeah, sure.

15 SPEAKER: Yeah, that'd be great. And we
16 didn't say that. I don't know --

17 SPEAKER: No. Here's -- [inaudible].

18 SPEAKER: But I don't want the bridge
19 gone and the interchange to come. I don't want
20 them to be like --

21 SPEAKER: No, that's right.

22 SPEAKER: -- okay. We take the bridge,
23 then you have less traffic, but we'll bring the
24 interchange.

25 SPEAKER: We're about at the end of our

1 time.

2 SPEAKER: Uh-huh. We did good,
3 personally. [Inaudible].

4 SPEAKER: Yes, I think y'all should give
5 yourselves a little round of applause for your
6 excellent participation. Stayed on task, we
7 appreciate that. Bringing your passion and your
8 articulate and thought out -- and your notes. In
9 coming with notes.

10 SPEAKER: Of course [inaudible]. Oh no,
11 my notes are on the floor.

12 SPEAKER: No, they're crippled. There's
13 a lot of consultants, there's a lot of -- there's a
14 lot of data -- like the engineers.

15 SPEAKER: Yeah. There were some behind
16 us. [Inaudible].

17 SPEAKER: All the guys with the --
18 [inaudible] that look like consultants.

19 SPEAKER: Got you.

20 SPEAKER: But yeah. So I don't want to
21 hold you any further.

22 SPEAKER: Okay.

23 SPEAKER: I absolutely appreciate your --
24 your positive approach to this, and thank you for
25 participating. I hope that I get to participate

1 further.

2 SPEAKER: Are we supposed to go now? Or

3 --

4 SPEAKER: Yes, thank you.

5 SPEAKER: Are we supposed to leave?

6 SPEAKER: You can -- I think that that --

7 I think we are done. If you have questions --

8 they're free to go?

9 SPEAKER: Free to go.

10 SPEAKER: You are free to go.

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